

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of ) Group Art Unit 3754  
Nick E. Ciavarella, et al. ) Confirmation No. 2169  
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**RESPONSE I**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 2009, the Applicants, through their attorney, reply as follows.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.